

Advance Plans Committee

Summary of Meeting

7:35 am, February 15, 2007

Attendance

Committee Members: Elizabeth Bishop, Darrell Downing, Morris Dunlap, Bud Hentzen, Ron Marnell, John McKay, Harold Warner

MAPD staff: Christy Askew, Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

Discussion Summary

1. The Advance Plans Committee approved the minutes of the December 21, 2006 Committee meeting.
2. The Committee discussed the latest draft of the Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, March 2007. The Committee discussion covered the following issues and concerns:
 - Concern that the name of the Plan (Arena Neighborhood) may not be an appropriate title since it implies a focus immediately around the Sedgwick County arena, rather than the broader south downtown area.
 - Pedestrian pathway development as recommended in the Plan is critical to linking the Plan area to the surrounding downtown Wichita attractions.
 - The general public may not have a good understanding of the mixed-use concept being promoted in the plan. There are not many mixed-uses examples currently in Wichita.
 - The recommended method of provision of future parks and open spaces in the Plan area (target of 5-10% of total net redevelopment area) is appropriate.
 - Future public and private parking will have to be well managed in order to accommodate future parking demands once the arena opens (e.g. parking purchased with ticket event). People need to know where they will park before they arrive in the area. The hunt and peck method won't work.
 - The public/private investment analysis section of the Plan is about 25% lower on both the public and private costs of development estimates.
3. Scott Wadle presented to the Commission an overview and timetable for the Park and Open Space Plan update (PROS Plan). The Commission commented that the community survey questionnaire needed to be put together carefully by the consultant to ensure neutrality. The Plan's Technical Advisory Group and Advisory Committee would have responsibility to ensure that happens.
4. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.